

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

June 28, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Drumheller "Passion Play" – Wayne details re: July 17, leave by bus at 2 pm

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. In order to be as welcoming as Matthew's text suggests, we need to be freed from fears, our minds opened, our love encircling all. When we say all are welcome, that means welcoming people as their whole selves and as Christ himself.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "God is Here Today" ACS 993 (sing twice) – piano, bass, rainstick

Dios es - tá a - quí, tan
God is here to - day; as

cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan
cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as

cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

PSALM 89:1-2, 11-16

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Yours are the heavens;
the earth also is yours;
**you laid the foundations of the world
and all that is in it.**

You have made the north and the south;
the mountains rejoice in your name.

You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

Righteousness and justice
are the foundations of your throne;
love and truth go before your face.

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory" JTH

$\text{♩} = 120$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on

8
high! Glo-ry to God_ and hope for all peo - ple on earth_ Glo-ry to God_,

14
Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on high! Glo-ry to God_ and peace to all peo - ple on

19
earth. Your grace sanc - ti - fies us, Your love calls_ us

24
in, Your word and Your Spi - rit___ trans - form._ Glo-ry to God_,

30
Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on high! Glo-ry to God_ and hope for all peo - ple on

35
earth.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14

This last of our three Abrahamic stories tells the troubling tale of the near sacrifice of Isaac. The life of the promised heir is threatened, and the faith of the patriarch tested. Some scholars suggest the story is rooted in a denunciation of Canaanite child sacrifice. Christian tradition has seen in the story a metaphor for Christ's crucifixion: God provides a ram, and we are saved from death. The nineteenth-century theologian Søren Kierkegaard found in this story the primary example of what he called the "leap of faith."

A reading from Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." [The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – JTH

♩ = 120
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You are the way_ You are the truth_ You are the light_ of my life_

You are the word, speak to my heart_ and my soul. 1. 2. soul.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

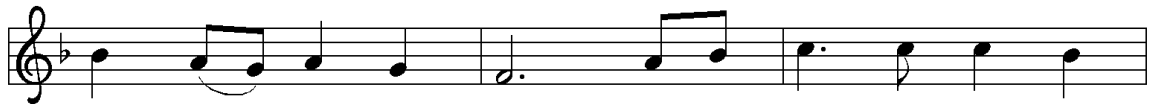
HYMN OF THE DAY "All Are Welcome" ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Sustain the work of those who work for peace and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and lasting peace. We give thanks for the life we have here in Canada. Help us not to take it for granted. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Tiffany, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Isobel, Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Doreen, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, and those we name silently now . . . [*silence*]. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Living God, you show your love in many ways. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. Thank you for those who prepare coffee fellowship. Hold in your care Sandra Sailor and Blair, Adina, Cody and Cam Sanderson. We continue to lift up Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans during this time of waiting. Help us to live as your people of hope. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. In your mercy, O God, we lift up the longings of our hearts and the needs of our world. Renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you,

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" JTH

$\text{♩} = 60$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God,

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ho - ly are You God.

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

*Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you*

COMMUNION SONGS

Video Contemplation: Psalm 121

"Lamb of God" JTH – sing twice

$\text{♩} = 80$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

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world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

12

world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

16

world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Here is Bread" ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here. here.
feast on Je - sus here.
Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,



by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

SENDING SONG "Post-Communion Canticle" JTH (sing twice)

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With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name,
7 Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain, Love ig - nites us in its flame with hope a - new.
12 You turn to us with gift of grace, Trans - form us as we leave this place, Cre -
17 ate in us a ho - ly space for You. Strength - en us each day,
23 For what comes our way. Help us al - ways turn to You.
28 With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name, Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain,
33 May we live with hope a - gain, hope in You, Hope and Life
38 in You!

SENDING

Go in peace, for Christ is with you.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

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